

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

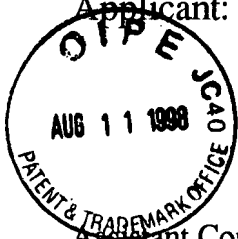
Application Number: 08/775,864

Express Mail No.: EE661456784US

Art Unit: 2771

Examiner: Hosain T. Alam

Applicant: Richard Michael Nemes



RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office action dated April 20, 1998, please consider the following remarks (a petition for extension of time and payment are enclosed herewith).

REMARKS

1. Formal drawings will be submitted after allowance of the application.

Response to "Part III DETAILED ACTION," Items 3-7: Double Patenting

2. The Office states in items 3-5 that the subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,121,495 issued to Nemes (hereinafter '495) and claimed in Claim 1 of '495. Specifically, item 5 states that the term "chain of records" appearing in Claim 1 of '495 (col. 12, line 7) is equivalent to a linked list of pointers/addresses of records, and that "chaining" is equivalent to being linked.

'495 nowhere teaches or claims linked lists or pointers, and is strictly confined to the linear probing technique of hashing, as explicitly stated in Claim 1 of '495 which reads "An information storage and retrieval system using hashing techniques to provide rapid access to the records of said system and utilizing a linear probing technique ..." (col. 11, line 67 through col. 12, line 3).

5/leg for
reconsider
8-19-98
NP